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Consumer Advisory Board
Meeting
May 14, 2012 – 2:00pm-4:00pm
Legislative Office Building, Room 1E
Minutes

Members Present: Jeannette DeJesús, Richard Porth, Bryte Johnson, Robert Koorse, Theanvy Kuoch, Nanfi Lubogo

Members Absent: Patricia Checko, Sharon Langer, Lena Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions

Jeannette DeJesús opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the March 22 meeting were approved.

Public Forum for Community Voices

Nanfi Lubogo read consumer testimony from Laura Marcinauskis of Shelton. Ms. Marcinauskis has a daughter with a rare medical condition and has had trouble getting insurers and public programs to cover her medical expenses.

Review of 2012 Legislative Session

Ms. DeJesús briefly discussed relevant bills from the recently finished legislative session. The legislature passed a bill to establish an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD), which would collect all medical claims data from payers for health care services in Connecticut. The APCD will provide important information to consumers regarding the cost and quality of health care.

She also mentioned that the legislature considered a bill to establish a Basic Health Plan, which would provide coverage to people with incomes between 133% and 200% of the federal poverty level. The legislation did not pass, but there is a work group currently analyzing this option for Connecticut.

Discussion: Consumer Advisory Board Operating Strategy and Work Plan

Rick Porth began the discussion by suggesting that members should become familiar with health reform issues that have relevance to consumers, and that each Consumer Advisory Board meeting should focus on a specific issue area. Robert Koorse said that the board should focus on issues that deal with increasing access to health care.

Ms. DeJesús said that the Consumer Advisory Board should connect with other health reform work groups by attending their meetings and talking with their members, with the intent of bringing the perspectives of consumers to work group discussions. She said that the staff of the Office of Health Reform & Innovation would send information on other work group meetings to members.

Mr. Porth added that he and Ms. DeJesús are coordinating efforts with the Exchange's Consumer Experience and Outreach Advisory Committee.

Recruitment of Consumer Advisory Board Members

Mr. Porth said that the Consumer Advisory Board is seeking additional members. Ms. DeJesús said that new members should include actual consumers, not just people who represent consumers. She asked for suggestions of new members to be sent to Matt Salner in the Office of Health Reform & Innovation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.